

Remarks

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2006. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof.

In paragraphs 1-5 of the Action, restriction to one of the following groups is requested:

- I. Claims 1-9 and 20, drawn to a composition;
- II. Claims 10-19, drawn to a laminate comprising coupling agent (c);
- III. Claims 17-19, drawn to a laminate embodiment devoid of coupling agent (c);
and
- IV. Claims 21-23, drawn to a composition.

Applicants elect Group I, directed to claims 1-9 and 20.

Applicants point out that if claims 1 and 2 are allowed, then the claims dependent thereon should be rejoined. In addition, applicants submit that amended claim 21 (and the claims dependent thereon) should be rejoined.

In paragraphs 6-7, the Action requests election of a species of toughener component. Applicants are asked to identify a species and the claims that read on that species. Applicants elect tougheners comprising polyvinyl butyral. All of the claims contain language that does not exclude the toughener comprising polyvinyl butyral.

Amendments

Page 5 is amended to correct the patent application number. A "/" is inserted. The same patent application was previously listed at page 2, line 27.

The claims are amended as follows:

Claim 2 is presented in independent form. It is drafted so as to cover the composition prior to reacting any of (a) – (d).

Claim 2 is amended to delete "complimentally." Use of this term seems to be in error. First, it is assumed that the term was used to mean that two numbers are "complements" to each other. However, given the difference in the percentages of the three ingredients: (a) 5 to about 30 weight, (b) 95 to 25 weight percent, and (c) 10 to about 45 weight percent, this seems inappropriate. In addition, this amendment is appropriate due to the recitation of the filler as optional, and because the specification indicates that other additives be present in the composition.

Claim 2 is amended to refer to a silane coupling compound, so that the language is consistent throughout the claims.

Claim 3 is amended to recite that toughener comprises one or more polymers having anhydride functionality or one or more polymers having carboxylic acid functionality. This amendment is supported at page 6, lines 1-6. Please note the use of the word "or" at line 5.

Claim 5 is amended so that the term filler reads back onto prior use of the term.

Claim 6 is amended to delete redundant language.

Claim 7 is amended to refer to a silane coupling compound, so that the language is consistent throughout the claims.

Claim 10 is amended so that it only depends from one claim and to replace the acronym.

Claim 11 is amended so that it is in proper form, and to remove the acronym.

Claim 13 is amended to use proper terminology.

Claim 14 is amended to correct an obvious mistake.

Claim 17 is amended to remove an acronym and to depend on claim 2.

Claim 18 is amended to use proper terminology.

Claim 19 is amended to correct an obvious mistake.

Claim 21 is amended so that it is consistent with claim 1.

Claims 22 and 23 are amended to use the terminology of the independent claims.

New claim 24 is supported at page 6, lines 1-6.

Claims 25 and 26 are supported at page 7, lines 10-15.

Claim 27 is supported at page 6, lines 27-29.

Claim 28 is supported at page 8, line 15, page 13, lines 34-35, etc.

New claim 29 is supported at page 8, lines 14-21 and page 6, lines 1-6.

Claims 30 and 32 are supported at page 8, lines 4-13.

Claim 31 is based upon claim 23.

Claim 33 is supported at page 8, line 15, page 13, lines 34-35, etc.

Claim 34 is similar to claim 17, but depends from claim 1.

Claim 35 is a dependent claim similar to claim 2, that depends from claim 1.

Entry and consideration are respectfully requested.

Should this document be incomplete, or should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed direct dial telephone number in order to expedite prosecution.

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